

New Opportunity for graduates of the Executive Potential Program!

Graduates of the Executive Potential Program Earn Advanced Status in MSM Graduate Degree Program Through Partnership with Thomas Edison State College

Graduates of the Executive Potential Program at the USDA Graduate School have the opportunity to earn advanced standing in Thomas Edison State College's Master of Science in Management (MSM) degree program through a recently formalized partnership. The agreement allows Executive Potential Program graduates to earn 12 graduate credits toward Thomas Edison State College's Master of Science in Management degree.

Thomas Edison State College, a recognized leader in providing a superior quality college education for adult learners, has awarded over 19,000 degrees. Its MSM degree was designed using online, innovative approaches that have students working together in a learning atmosphere that connects students with each other and graduate mentors for support. This online learning community provides a rare opportunity to discuss key management and leadership issues with serious students from other government agencies, the corporate and nonprofit sectors, and financial, medical and educational institutions.

The online format means that students study on their own schedule without having to travel to attend classes on campus at a set time. This program is an excellent opportunity to study with other students interested in applying the core management principles to their specific work environment. Students use workplace projects and challenges as the foundation for course projects.

Core competencies for the MSM degree program were designed and developed with the support and partnership of major employers like Public Service Electric and Gas, Merrill Lynch and Verizon. The first students, AT&T managers recruited and admitted with corporate support, evaluated each step in the process and provided feedback.

Master of Science in Management Program Requirements

Leadership and Management Core of Thomas Edison State College's MSM program

24 credits

- Organizational Theory and Behavior (6)
- Economic Issues in Organizations (3)
- Human Resource Management (3)
- Finance and Accounting for Managers (3)
- Organizational Research (3)
- Organizational Management and Leadership (6)

Successful Completion of Executive Potential Program

12 credits

Total credits required for MSM degree:

36 credits

How Credits are Earned

Students are expected to complete the 24 credits of the leadership and management core in a cohort with other MSM students taking the online courses listed above. They are the foundation for Thomas Edison State College's Master of Science in Management Degree and help students develop and enhance identified managerial competencies needed in all organizations.

Students who have successfully completed the Executive Potential Program will be awarded 12 credits for that work to complete degree requirements. They will not be required to attend the Weekend Residencies or submit a Final Project, as is expected of other MSM graduates.

Admission Requirements

Candidates for the Thomas Edison State College Master of Science in Management degree must apply through Thomas Edison State College's Graduate Admissions Office and should have:

- (1) an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university;
- (2) endorsement from the USDA Executive Potential Program;
- (3) proficiency in written and spoken English; and
- (4) basic computer proficiency (to complete the online component)

Application materials can be obtained over the Web at www.tesc.edu or by contacting the Office of Graduate Program at Thomas Edison State College.

Upon acceptance into the MSM Program, students will be admitted into the next available cohort (cohorts begin in September, January, and May) and can begin immediately to work on the Core MSM requirements.

Anticipated Program Costs

Candidates for the MSM degree at Thomas Edison State College can expect to pay the following fees:

Application	\$75.
Leadership and Management Core Tuition (24 s.h. @ \$342)	\$8,208
Books (estimated)	\$3,000
Graduation Fee	\$165

Registration and program fees for the Executive Potential Program are separate expenses administered through the USDA Graduate School and not included in the costs above.

Mentors

The Core requirements are taught by distinguished graduate mentors of Thomas Edison State College. Graduate Mentors are selected for strong academic credentials in their teaching specialties; success in teaching career-oriented adults; proficiency in computer-aided communications and in distance learning technologies; and management experience in organizations outside college and university settings.

Thomas Edison State College

Thomas Edison State College is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The College is also a member of the Council of Graduate School, the largest national association organized to represent the interests of graduate education. Thomas Edison State College was identified by *Forbes* magazine as one of the top 20 colleges in the nation in the use of technology to create learning opportunities for adults.

Thomas Edison State College was established by the State of New Jersey and chartered by the New Jersey Board of Higher Education in 1972 to provide diverse and alternative methods of achieving a collegiate education of the highest quality for mature adults. Since then, more than 19,000 degrees have been awarded using the richest array of assessment and independent study options available at any college or university. The College is located in Trenton, N.J., but through distance learning technologies pioneered by Thomas Edison State College, students earn degrees from any location, whenever and wherever it is convenient for them.

Graduates of Thomas Edison State College's MSM degree program see results!

During a graduate survey, MSM alumni listed several definitive results of their newly-earned degree: eligibility for promotion, a higher salary, a new career choice. But overwhelmingly, regardless of their career, alumni talked about how the new degree gave them the extra confidence to lead, make decisions and take risks. They reported that graduate study helped them see a broader worldview, work in teams, and meet others online to network, exchange ideas and solve problems--all valuable benefits to any career!

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